

# SENATOR **Nell Soto** 32nd Senatorial District

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## **LATINA STYLE MAGAZINE HONORS SENATOR NELL SOTO WITH THE ANNA MARIA ARIAS CONGRESSIONAL TRAIL BLAZER AWARD**

*Award Named in Honor of the Founder of Latina Style*

**Sacramento** – Senator Nell Soto (D-Pomona) will be one of two recipients of the newly created Anna Maria Arias Congressional Trail Blazer Award. The award was created in memory of Anna Maria Arias, *Latina Style* magazine's late Publisher and Editor who tragically lost her life last year. The award recognizes two Latina leaders whose political contributions have made a significant impact in the advancement of the Latino community. Miami-Dade Commissioner Rebeca Sosa is the other recipient.

"I am honored to have been selected for this special award," says Senator Soto. "This is especially meaningful to me because Anna and her family are from my district and I know them personally. Anna's magazine has brought to the forefront issues facing Latinas today as well as recognizing the accomplishments of Latina leaders."

In the program for the awards ceremony, *Latina Style* writes: "*California State Senator Nell Soto has demonstrated the kind of leadership, resilience and commitment that was the trademark of Anna Maria. She is a shining representation of the best our Latina community has to offer.*"

The selection process was done with the assistance of *Latina Style*'s Host Committee, the Latina Members of the 107<sup>th</sup> Congress, the Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute and the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed officials.

*Latina Style* magazine has dedicated itself to promote and bring recognition to the accomplishments of Hispanic women throughout the country.

Senator Soto will travel to Washington D.C. to accept the award on Thursday, July 18, 2002.

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